(SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Bas-eed on available information a statlement indicating the number of students enrolled in vocational courses during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 (state-wise) is attached. (See Appendix CXLI, An-nexure No. 68.

(b) Such statistical information is not normally maintained and therefore, it is not possible to furnish the desired information.

(c) Vocational courses at school level are present being offered in the following States|UTs:

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra Sikkim, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi Goa; Daman and Diu and Pondicherry.

Vocational courses are designed keeping in view future prospects of wage|self-mployment and practical training in an integral part of the courses.

**Use of computer software in treating the patients**

1702. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VA- GHELA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report that appeared in Jansatta of 12th January 1987 to the effect that recently a computer scientist from Pune has developed a compute$_r$ software which will take into consideration different kinds of diseases as described in Ayurveda, nature of the body of the patient and suitability of diagnosis and also of a large number of Aurvedic medicines and would this prescribe the right course of treatment within a short time; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMAR SAROJ KHA-PARDE): (a) The Minister of Health and Family Welfare have seen the Jansatta Report referred to.

(b) The Government would like to watch such initiatives for some time.

**Employment of traditional Sanskrit pandits**

1703. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-LA. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tradi tional Sanskrit pandits, however great Sanskrit Scholars they might be have no chance of employment in the Sanskrit Universities in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the traditional Sanskrit Pandits are not even intested to participate in the St-minars "and Workshops on Sanskrit and that their proceedings are carried out in English instead Sanskrit;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the causes for the segregation the mainstream of academic life in the of the traditional Sanskrit Pandits from country;

(d) if so what are thedetails thereof stating the steps contemplated by Gov ernment to remove the structural segre gation of Sanskrit Pandits in the acade mic and

(e) whether carrying out the procee dings of the Seminars|WWorkshops in a language other than Sanskrit may be helpful in developing the language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY , OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) On the advice of the Central Sanskrit Board, Ministry of Human Resource Development had informed in 1964, all the State Government|UTs that they should employ at least one Sanskrit pandit and the scholar so employed should enjoy the same status and pay scalesa- shiscounterparts trained on modern lines with equivalent degress. It was also advised that the employment of traditional Sanskrit pandits in high and